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**WIPING OUT GERMAN  
WAR INDUSTRIES**

There are ninety German cities considered to be major production areas and Berlin is the home of 161 high priority war industries. Of the last 100 cities believed to have been destroyed or seriously damaged.

In a room at the headquarters of the R.A.F. Bomber Command is a large black-covered book to which a great deal of time and study are devoted by all the senior officers in the command. It includes Air Chief Marshal Sir A. Harris, the A.O.C.-in-C. It contains a large-scale plan of every industrial town in Germany. The predominantly industrial regions and heavy armament areas, the newer which have been damaged are indicated in blue. The charts show the ever-increasing extent to which the enemy's war industries are becoming "blown."

The most concentrated attack ever made by the Luftwaffe against an industrial target in Britain was that against Coventry, when the rate of bombing was something like ten a minute. In the first of the R.A.F.'s thousand-bomber attacks on the principal Cologne-bombing, at the rate of 17 tons a minute devastated 600 acres. Since that time the concentration of effort has been consistently stepped up, as has the total bombardment carried by the heavy four-engine bombers.

Bombing rates of 60 tons a minute have been reached in a number of heavy attacks, and the peak so far was 90 tons a minute, rising to 150 tons a minute at the height of the attack on Berlin, when 2,000 aircraft were dropped in 23 minutes.

R.A.F. casualties have been fewer than the air staff expected. In fact

they have been "considerably less than four per cent." It was told, What happened was that the intense bombing overcame the defensive system, the tanks had gone into its strike, with the result that the guns and search lights wilted and died away. The failure of the ground defenses forced the Germans to increase their night-fighter force and to adopt a policy of attacking the bombers from them in their task. Fears that the arrival of great numbers of bombers over their targets at about the same time would result in mutual collisions and groundings as their planes would soar.

It has been commented that the chances of colliding with another bomber are one in 1,000 which is smaller than the chance of being singled out by a gunner if the attack were not concentrated.

Bomber Command's successes have been achieved in the face of the German defensive system which has been steadily built up since the beginning of the war.

The R.A.F.'s best strength of aircraft, of which half are single or twin engined fighters, are mainly stationed in north-western Europe to meet the threat of the night bombers and to defend the British bases in Britain. In other words, the enemy obviously attaches greater importance to warding off our bombers' blows than he does to giving his armies in the field adequate air support.

In addition to those powerful air defences, some 900,000 men, representing approximately 70 percent of Germany's anti-aircraft and search light crews are immobilized at home for defensive purposes, together with over 70 percent of Germany's heavy anti-aircraft guns. German anti-aircraft production has, as during the whole war, been largely of fighters—a defensive weapon, so that it is true to say that the Luftwaffe has been forced on to the defensive by the

allied bomber offensive, with the protection of their industrial centres and communications as their major preoccupation.

More than fifty of Germany's leading industrial cities important to her war-production have been attacked, although the extent to which they have been damaged varies enormously.

The results so far achieved by Bomber Command have exceeded expectations, particularly when it is borne in mind that it is only since March of last year that it has had at its disposal either the number or the most suitable type of aircraft for its purpose.

Today our bomber force is composed almost entirely of four-engined Lancasters Halifaxes and Stirlings, which have been a great load of trouble to Germany as great a load of trouble as would have required 120 Fairey Battles, which were our standard bombers at the outbreak of war. Without the new big bombers it would have been impossible to have achieved the overpowering effect of bombing which has been attained in most of our recent attacks.

Science has made a great contribution to the success of the R.A.F. Bomber offensive. Unfortunately, details cannot be given for they must remain secret until after the war is over. The war has been won. Crews have been provided with ingenious means of finding the targets in the dark and when the ground is obscured by smoke and darkness, so that nights which were long ago when the bombs were dropped as unsuitable for large-scale attacks are now ideal. Equally effective have been the aids to "blind" bombing. Some of the most successful attacks recently have been made when every inch of the target was obscured by unbroken clouds thousands of feet thick and when crews have hardly seen the ground from the time they took off until they were back at their base again.

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## Town & District

Harvesting in many areas in the district has commenced.

R. M. Stubback of Calgary arrived in town Monday evening to spend a holiday visiting relatives.

Ell Woods has as a visitor his brother from Vancouver.

Mrs. John Koefod has been quite ill lately but is now able to be up and around again.

The boys of the 2nd 22nd Battery have been at Camp Sarcee for the past couple of weeks arrived home over the weekend. The town has not taken to a much milder atmosphere since they came back. One can always see one or two streets now.

A church group in Canada, with a patriotic and patriotic foresight, are taking cognizance of the fact that over sixteen thousand Canadian soldiers have married British girls and are coming to Canada to live. This will have an impact on our church life. Churchgoers for instance, have urged and appealed to British wives to be printed on an attractive card, from which we quote just one paragraph. "We hope you will come to your husband's church and will talk to the organist and will decide on a church home where you can worship and work as a family. It would be such a help to you and us if you would at once contact your local church in Canada or the church of your choice. We pray that you may both find the courage and wisdom that you need for these difficult days and for the days of peace for which we all long."

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another farm land boom is in the making and are warning farmers about what happened in the last war and after. It is pointed out farm and land values are on the upgrade again. It is stated that average value of farm land acreage in Canada which was \$24 in 1930 and 1940 has risen to \$28 in 1943. There is a moderate land boom in all provinces except Saskatchewan and possibly British Co-

lumbia.

The coal problem, with winter looming in the not too distant future, comes to the forefront again. As substantial less United States and Welsh coal has been received in Canada since the end of April, as compared with the same period last year, it will be necessary for householders to burn substitute fuels.

## FINAL PAYMENT OF 1943 INCOME TAX DUE 31ST AUGUST, 1944

Interest on the Income Tax payments that fall due on 30th April last were postponed to 31st August, this will remind you that any balance due must be remitted to your District Inspector of Income Tax on or before 31st August, 1944 to avoid penalty. To be sure that the payments are correctly credited to your account, your remittance should be accompanied by a letter showing clearly the full name and address and stating that the payment is to be applied to your 1943 income tax.

COLIN GIBSON  
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Deputy Minister of  
National Revenue for Taxation

## JOE CITIZEN SAYS...

I guess we folks right here don't know what war is really like although for every life in battle lost folks left behind must pay the cost. It's sad for all the little tads new growing up without their daddies. And who can tell what tragic thoughts haunt wounded soldiers in their cots? But what I mean to say is—There's quite a lot of war we miss, like hunger, bombs and refugees, and black-outs and such things as these. There isn't a more favored land than this the one where we now stand. So lucky folks like me—and you!—should need no coaxing ballyhoo to dig up every cent we own and help put over this new loan. An easy way you must admit for such as us to do our bit!



**WE'LL DO IT AGAIN—  
but we need YOUR HELP!**

Yes, we need your help...and need it badly. This is the biggest job we have ever tackled! Everything depends upon Victory. Canada's Army needs volunteers NOW. And, that means you and you and you!

Wear Canada's Badge of Honour on your arm. You'll be proud of it, so will your friends.

Every man who is able has got to do his bit!

**VOLUNTEER TO-DAY  
JOIN THE CANADIAN ARMY  
FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE**